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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 2495

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR

SUBJ: SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS

REF: PEKING 2476

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG SHARPLY ATTACKED RECENT SOVIET CONCILIATORY MOVES AT MEETING WITH WEST GERMAN GROUP NOVEMBER 29. RESPONDING TO QUESTION FROM FRG AMBASSADOR REGARDING RETURN OF SOVIET BORDER NEGOTIATOR IL'ICHEV, HAN SAID THIS WAS ONLY ANOTHER FAKE STEP TOWARD RECONCILIATION IN SAME CATEGORY AS SOVIET MESSAGES FOLLOWING MAO'S DEATH AND HUA'S ELEVATION TO CHAIRMANSHIP. WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IL'ICHEV HAD BROUGHT FROM MOSCOW THIS TIME, HAN SAID IT WAS PLAIN THAT THE SOVIETS INTENDED, FIRST, TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE UNITED STATES AND, SECOND, CAUSE CONFUSION IN CHINA. HAN ASKED RHETORICALLY IF A MAN SUCH AS IL'ICHEV COULD BE TRUSTED WHEN HE RETURNED TO PEKING A YEAR AND A HALF AFTER TELLING THE CHINESE THAT HE WAS LEAVING TO TAKE A SHORT VACATION.

2. EAST EUROPEANS HAVE TOLD THE WEST GERMANS THAT IL'ICHEV HAS COME WITH A DRAFT TREATY TO TABLE. INDIANS HAVE MEANWHILE CONFIRMED

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TO US THAT GANKOVSKIY DEPUTY NEGOTIATOR UNDER IL'ICHEV IS TO BE

REPLACED BY COMMANDER OF SOVIET FAR EAST FORCES. SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN  
FAREWELL BANQUET IN GANKOVSKIY'S HONOR.  
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